

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Lieutenant
2 General Harold "Hal" Gregory Moore Jr.

3 WHEREAS, Hal Moore was born in Bardstown on February 13, 1922, the
4 cherished son of the late Harold and Mary Moore; and

5 WHEREAS, Hal Moore began his 32-year military career upon entry into the
6 United States Military Academy in 1942. Upon graduation in 1945, he served in Japan
7 before returning to Fort Bragg, where he met the love of his life, Julie Compton; and

8 WHEREAS, Hal Moore deployed to the Korean War in 1952, commanding an
9 infantry rifle and heavy mortar company in the 7th Infantry Division and earning two
10 Bronze Star Medals for Valor; and

11 WHEREAS, Hal Moore went on to teach military tactics at West Point, developed
12 airborne and air assault equipment at the Pentagon, and completed a course of study at the
13 Naval War College that allowed him to take command of the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry
14 at Ford Benning, Georgia. Fourteen months later he was deployed to Vietnam with the 1st
15 Cavalry Unit; and

16 WHEREAS, it was in Vietnam that Hal Moore became one of the most celebrated
17 military heroes in that conflict. His leadership in the first major battle between the United
18 States and the People's Army of Vietnam occurred in 1965. After a three-day operation
19 that saw mass casualties, the enemy quit the field and left more than six hundred of their
20 dead behind. For his extraordinary leadership and courage, Hal Moore was awarded the
21 Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second-highest award for valor; and

22 WHEREAS, Hal Moore was deeply involved in the United States' withdrawal from
23 Vietnam, and then returned to Korea in 1969 and was promoted to Major General. In
24 1974, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and was assigned to the Pentagon as the
25 Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel for the United States Army; and

26 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Hal Moore would document his life in the *New*
27 *York Times* bestselling book *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*. In 2002, Randall

1 Wallace directed the film version of the book with Mel Gibson playing Lieutenant
2 General Moore; and

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Harold "Hal" Gregory Moore Jr., husband, father,
4 grandfather, brother, and American hero, departed this earthly life on February 10, 2017,
5 leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

6 WHEREAS, Hal Moore was preceded in death by his wife, Julie Compton, and
7 brother, William Moore. He is survived by his children, Harold Gregory III and his wife,
8 Evelyn, Stephen and his wife, Donna, Julie Moore Orlowski and her husband, Leo, Cecile
9 Moore Rainey and her husband, Terry, and David and his wife, Teresa; sister, Betty Karp;
10 brother, Ballard Moore; twelve grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of
11 other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their
12 lives;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
15 *Kentucky:*

16 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
17 sympathy upon the passing of Lieutenant General Harold "Hal" Gregory Moore Jr., and
18 posthumously thank him for his extraordinary service to this great nation.

19 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
20 memory of Lieutenant General Harold "Hal" Gregory Moore Jr.

21 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to Julie Moore Orlowski, 426 Valley Airport Drive, Cotter, Arkansas 72626.